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## MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS STANDARD OF CARE GASTROINTESTINAL/ ABDOMINAL COMPLAINTS

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
History of abdominal problems:	Pain	Abdominal pain
Ulcers, hiatal hernia, surgery	Nausea, vomiting	GI bleed
Renal, liver, pancreatic, gall bladder	Diarrhea	Acute abdomen
disease	Change in elimination patterns	Organ disease
Onset, duration, severity, radiation	Guarding, rigidity	
of pain	Hematemesis, melena	Consider other causes:
Character of pain: crampy, sharp,	Distention	Acute MI
dull, constant		Abdominal aneurysm
Last meal		Ectopic pregnancy
		Diabetic ketoacidosis

